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Dear Sir:

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 29, 2000**

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2000, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows.

**In the Claims**

a<sup>2</sup> Please cancel claim 1.

In claim 2, please delete "Claim 1" and insert --Claim 16-- therefor.

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